

School and child care screening tool

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Please complete before entering the school or child care setting



Stay home if you are sick.



After isolating, **wear a mask** in all public settings including school and child care for 10 days from when your symptoms started.



Follow this advice whether you have tested for COVID-19 or not.

If the individual being screened is immunocompromised or living in a highest risk congregate care setting, this is not the correct screening tool. The correct tool can be found at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>.

1. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms*?

 Fever (37.8°C or higher) and/or chills	 Cough (that is new or worsening)	 Shortness of breath	 Decrease or loss of taste or smell	 If yes, stay home and follow additional precautions.
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2. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms*?

 Sore throat or difficulty swallowing	 Runny or stuffy nose	 Headache (unusual or long lasting)	 Extreme tiredness or lack of energy	 Muscle aches or joint pain	 Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea	 If yes to two or more symptoms, stay home and follow additional precautions. <hr/> If yes to one symptom, stay home.
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3. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms*?

 Abdominal pain	 Pink eye	 Decreased appetite or no appetite (young children only)	 If yes, stay home.
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*If the symptom is from a known health condition, answer **No**. If the symptom is new, different or getting worse, answer **Yes**. If there is mild tiredness, sore muscles or joints within 48 hours after a COVID-19 vaccine, wear a mask and answer **No**.

4. In the last 10 days have you tested positive for COVID-19?



If you have or develop any new or worsening symptoms, stay home and follow additional precautions.

If yes, AND you do not have any symptoms of illness, you may go to school or child care while following additional precautions.

5. Have you been told that you should currently self-isolate?



If yes, stay home and follow the directions that were provided to you.

6. In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada and been told to quarantine or not attend school or child care?

If yes, follow federal travel requirements <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

**If all answers are No, you may attend child care or school.
All individuals with symptoms of illness should stay home if they are sick.**

What does stay home if you are sick mean?



Stay home and self-isolate until you have no fever and symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea). After they've improved follow additional precautions if indicated.

What do additional precautions mean?



- Wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including school or child care).
- Avoid activities where you need to take off your mask (for example, playing a wind instrument in music class or removing your mask for sports).
- Do not visit anyone who may be at higher risk of illness (for example, seniors or people who are immunocompromised).
- Do not visit or attend work in any highest risk settings.

*** additional precautions should be followed for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test date, whichever came first.**

What do household members and close contacts need to do?



- Monitor closely for any symptoms of illness.
- Follow additional precautions.
- If any new or worsening symptoms appear, stay home and self-isolate.

*** the above should be followed for 10 days after the last exposure to the sick person**